



NOVEMBER 2011 CITY SELECTION COMMITTEE & BOARD MEETING SUMMARY

CITY SELECTION COMMITTEE MEETING:

- **Mayor Jason Baker of Campbell** was appointed to the Cal ID Remote Access Network (RAN) Board for an ongoing term.
- It was noted that since the appointment requires a mayor to fulfill the term, the position will become vacant once again in January since Mayor Jason Baker's term as Mayor expires in December of 2012.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING:

- **The Nominating Committee's Recommendation for the Executive Board 2012 was approved by the Board.**

President:	Sam Liccardo, San Jose
First Vice President	Council Member Margaret Abe-Koga, Mountain View
Second Vice President	Mayor Steve Tate, Morgan Hill
Secretary/Treasurer	Mayor Jason Baker, Campbell
Legislative Action Committee Chair	Mayor Ron Packard, Los Altos
Director-at-Large	Vice Mayor Jim Griffith, Sunnyvale

- **Danny Wan, City Attorney of the City of Morgan Hill**, presented the city attorneys' review of SCCCMA's proposed Policy Paper on Employee Compensation. The attorneys' feedback included the following:
 - 1) Adoption of the paper by the Board or consideration of its recommendations by individual cities would not violate the Meyers Milias Brown Act. It is recommended to clarify that:

"The position paper is intended as guidelines and best practices. Good faith collective bargaining and other local procedures may impact the

- application of the paper's general principles in any given jurisdiction and with respect to any particular position.”
- 2) Cities are immune from liability under State antitrust laws; however, a city is not immune from federal antitrust laws unless it acts pursuant to an explicit state law or delegation of powers. As a private association, the Cities Association is immune from federal antitrust liability if it merely proposes to advocate or petition for the adoption of certain policies.
 - 3) A statement of best practices does not violate any other federal or state laws.

After discussion and consideration of the feedback, the Board unanimously approved endorsement of the paper with the following amendments:

- a) Change the title of the paper from “SCCMA Compensation Policy Position Paper” to “SCCCMA Best Practices on Compensation Position Paper”
 - b) Adopt and insert the attorney's recommended clarification in the position paper as indicated above in item (1).
 - c) On page 3 of the policy paper, last bullet, replace the term “agreement” to “common understanding” so that it reads: “Members of the association should work together to achieve a common understanding regarding reasonably consistent total compensation calculation methodology.”
- **Brett Barley and Natasha Baker of SVLG presented on the organization's new initiative called “1000 Hearts for 1000 Minds.”** The purpose of the initiative is to address and help reduce the achievement gap by recruiting 1000 volunteers to work with 1000 school-aged children that are struggling in math, literacy, and science. Volunteers serve as tutors and mentors for 8-12 weeks through one of 11 non-profit partner organizations, e.g. Boys & Girls Club, Stepping up to Algebra, Reading Partners, etc., To ensure the effectiveness of 1000 Hearts 1000 minds in the Silicon Valley region, it is important to have all cities participate and support the initiative. To support the program, cities can do the following:
 1. Endorse 1000 Hearts for 1000 Minds at your City Council meetings
 2. Distribute 1000 Hearts information to your constituents
 3. List www.hearts4minds.org on your city website and your own website
 4. Identify opportunities for outreach within your constituency (corporate, high school, college, retirees, rotaries, etc.) and direct them to us
 5. Work with us and SVLG and their media partners to raise awareness

The Cities Association unanimously supported the program and use of the organization's logo.

- **Jessica Zenk of SVLG**, presented an update on SVLG's “Save Caltrain” Initiative. Jessica thanked the Cities Association and individual cities for their generous support of the initiative. The initiative's intention is to find a sustainable long term funding source for Caltrain. After a summit in January of 2011, several town halls to get community input and support, and extensive financial and political analysis, the following resulted: partnership with Friends

of Caltrain, interim agreements for FY12&FY13 without service cuts at Caltrain, and 5 top solutions. The top five solutions being considered include sales tax, gas tax, vehicle miles traveled (VMT) fee, highway tolls, and parcel taxes. After polling, support for the gas tax was low and support for sales tax was higher, especially in San Mateo County. Next steps include polling the sales tax again to test whether or not it should be paired with other transportation needs, adjusting the Joint Powers Agreement to address the funding formula, south county service, and “lock in” funding. For more information about the initiative go to www.svlq.org.

- The 2012 Cities Association Meeting Schedule was approved.
- **City Managers’ Report:** Gary Luebbers’ reported that Richard Napier of C/CAG of San Mateo County presented to the City Managers about participating in a regional climate action plan, utilizing a baseline and comparing numbers to maximize opportunities for the region; City Manager of Los Altos Hills Carl Cahill was named President of the SCCMA for 2012.
- **CSC Report:** Joe Pirzynski and Ronit Bryant reported on recent activities of ABAG. The report included an update on a recovery resilience plan to focus on restoration of the region’s services should a significant natural disaster occurs, e.g. earthquake. Joe updated the board on other service programs such as development of SCS and the RHNA methodology; it looks like the RHNA numbers will focus on transportation corridors and work-live environments.

Joys and Challenges

- Orrin Mahoney reported that Cupertino’s TOT measure passed with 82% approval.
- Melinda Hamilton of Sunnyvale reported that Measure B passed, which reduces future increases to Council Members’ salaries, but Measure A did not pass, which means that the mayor of Sunnyvale will continue to be appointed by the Council.
- Jac Siegel reported that Synopsis just signed a lease to relocate its world headquarters to Mountain View.

Announcements

- David Casas announced that the Annual Festival of Lights will take place on November 27th, 6 pm in downtown Los Altos.
- Melinda Hamilton encouraged Members and their fellow colleagues to attend the Cities Association Annual Holiday Party on Thursday, December 8th, 6 pm, Historic Del Monte Building, Sunnyvale.